



## Deoratha Ferguson

February 11, 1918 - July 6, 2016

Willie Deoratha Robinson Ferguson was born on February 11, 1918 in Rocky Gap, VA to Charles Robinson and Mary Ella Gray-Robinson. She was educated in Rocky Gap, VA. She met Woodrow Thomas Ferguson and they united in marriage on June 9, 1934.

She accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior at a very early age. She was a member of Arlington Baptist Church in Rocky Gap, VA, and later, a member of Scott Street Baptist Church in Bluefield, WV. She gladly served in the capacities of pastor's aide, missionary and was a member of the Helping Hand Circle. She was faithful in service to God and her church. For many years she served Sunday dinner at her house to her pastor while also feeding her large family. Good hospitality was a way of life for her. She also volunteered at St. Luke's Hospital.

Mrs. Ferguson spent her final years in Maryland where she lived with her youngest daughter Jennifer and her family, receiving the best love and care, until the Lord called her home. A true testament to raising her family right. She was the world to her family and will never be forgotten.

Mrs. Ferguson was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Woodrow, three brothers, two sisters and a grandson.

She leaves to mourn: her 12 children: Aldora (Charles), Thomas (Veda), Elliott (Nancy), Delbert, Roy (Joan), Dorothy, Blanche (Clyde), Sandra (Lewis), Larry (Annette), Carol (Earl), Dianna and Jennifer (Cornell); 32 grandchildren; 34 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; nieces, nephews and a host of

other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be Saturday July 9, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Garry Moore and Rev. Marvion Johnson officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 12 :00– 2:00 PM. Burial will follow at the Restlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Bluewell, WV.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Deoratha Ferguson.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deoratha Ferguson*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Condolences to the Ferguson family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.*

**Williams Family** - August 05, 2016 at 07:54 AM



“ *Sherry Swayne lit a candle in memory of Deoratha Ferguson*



**Sherry Swayne** - August 01, 2016 at 12:02 PM



“ *Tweedy lit a candle in memory of Deoratha Ferguson*



**Tweedy** - July 09, 2016 at 08:16 AM

RH

“ *Robin Hayes lit a candle in memory of Deoratha Ferguson*



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**robin hayes** - July 09, 2016 at 08:09 AM

RH

“ *Dianna Kenney and family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you. Cherish the wonderful memories of your beautiful Mom. God Bless, Robin Hayes (Laurel, MD)*

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**robin hayes** - July 09, 2016 at 08:07 AM

AB

“ *Be not dismayed that ever be tired, God will take care of you. We the officers and members of Victoria International Fellowship of Churches would like to convey our condolences and heart felt sympathy to the family of our beloved Evangelist Rhyne Smoot granddaughter of of our dearly depart Deoratha Ferguson. We bow our heads in humble submission to the will of All Mighty God and pray that the Lord will provide you with Isaiah 58; Beauty for the ashes, the oil of joy for morning, and the garment of Praise for the Spirit of Heaviness. We commend you to look to Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith.*

*Humbly Submitted,  
Bishop Larry E. Boston, Chief Apostle  
Bishop Billy M. Perry, First Assistant*

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**Apostle Larry E. Boston** - July 08, 2016 at 02:35 PM

EF

“ Elders Bobby And Maureen Shaw And Family  
lit a candle in memory of Deoratha Ferguson



Elders Bobby and Maureen Shaw and Family - July 08, 2016 at 02:24 PM

SH

“ Shaw lit a candle in memory of Deoratha  
Ferguson



Shaw - July 08, 2016 at 02:21 PM

RF

“ Rick, Travon, Lance, and Kenney family  
purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the  
family of Deoratha Ferguson.



Rick, Travon, Lance, and Kenney family - July 08, 2016 at  
10:54 AM

TF

“ The Leake, Carter and Reid Families purchased  
the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of  
Deoratha Ferguson.



The Leake, Carter and Reid Families - July 07, 2016 at 12:04  
PM

BL

“ *Brenda Leake lit a candle in memory of  
Deoratha Ferguson* ”



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**Brenda Leake** - July 07, 2016 at 11:07 AM